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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Reactions to RONI

25X1 1. Last week [ ] Acting Chief of the USSR-EE Division in OCI, told me that he had just seen the RONI and thought it was great. Moreover, he said he had written a memo protesting the DDI's position at USIB that the RONI should be disseminated only to producers. Definitely, in his view, the consumers should see it regularly. He agreed with the DDI, however, that the NIOs probably ought to have an opportunity to review drafts on their areas--but only to correct mistakes, not to change the tone.

25X1 2. And yesterday [ ], Chief of the Strategic Evaluation Center in OSR, called me to say he thought the RONI was "fantastic." He liked everything, including the Calvin Coolidge Over-Analysis and Dog Bites Man awards. He complimented [ ] special piece on the estimates as "courageous." He recommended for the next issue a wrapup on the "trail" from NIE 11/3-8 through the Post-Vladivostok Summit paper, and said he would be happy to provide details (I have communicated this to [ ]). When I mentioned the DDI's expressed wish that the RONI go only to producers he said "That's ridiculous... Hang in there!"

25X1 3. Both these DDI chieftains gave me permission to quote them.

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